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FORMER PRIMER MINISTER SAEB SALAM TOLD DCM JULY 30 THAT PRIME MINISTER SOLH WOULD NOT BE GOING TO ALERIA AFTER VISITING LIBYA. (IN FACT, SOLH HAS NOW POST-PONED HIS LIBYAN VISIT DUE TO RECENT FEDAYEEN-FALANGIST CLASHES NEAR BEIRUT). SALAM EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE, ACCORDING TO ALERGIAN AMBASSADOR HERE, HAD TOLD SOLH THAT NOW WAS NOT THE TIME FOR A VISIT AND POLITELY BUT FIRMLY REFUSED TO RECEIVE HIM. SAEB BEY ALSO INDICATED THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD ALSO HOPED TO GO TO MOROCCO BUT KING HASSAN TOOK SAME POSITION AS HAD BOUMEDINENNE CONCERNING SUCH A VISIT.

COMMENT: SAEB SALAM, WHO IS POLITICAL RIVAL OF SOLH, TOOK GREAT DELGITH IN TELLING DCM THE ABOVE. NONETHELESS, WE THINK REPORTED DECSIONS BOUMEDINNE AND KING HASSAN RE OUR JUNKETING PRIME MINISTER WERE WELL TAKEN. GODLEY CONFIDENTIAL

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